

REMARKS**Overview**

Claims 1-17 are pending in this application. Claims 6-11 have been cancelled. The claims are subject to a restriction requirement.

Election/Restrictions

The Examiner has issued a restriction to one of the following inventions as required under 35 U.S.C. § 121:

- I. Claims 1-5, drawn to the subcombination of the outer container, classified in class 220, subclass 826.
- II. Claims 6-11, drawn to the combination of a container assembly, classified in class 220, subclass 23.83.
- III. Claims 12-17, drawn to a method for storing grease, classified in class 414, subclass 1+.

Applicants have cancelled claim 7 and incorporated the limitations therefrom regarding the first and second flaps into claim 6. The Applicants provisionally elects group I which includes claims 1-5. The restriction between Groups I, II and III is respectfully traversed.

The Examiner indicates that:

"Inventions I and II and Invention III are related as product and process of use. The inventions can be shown to be distinct if either or both of the following can be shown: (1) the process for using the product as claimed can be practiced with another materially different product or (2) the product as claimed can be used in a materially different process of using that product (MPEP § 806.05(h)). In the instant case the product as claimed can be used to in a

materially different process. For example, the inner container can be used to store contents other than grease, or the outer container can be constructed around the inner container."

The Examiner also states that Groups I and II are distinct since the combination set forth in claim 6 does not require first and second flaps. The flap limitation is present in amended claim 6.

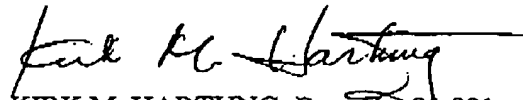
The Applicants respectfully disagree. All of the claims, as amended, are directed towards a grease container and/or "a method for storing grease". All of the claims also require a double wall container for the grease. It is therefore respectfully submitted that these restrictions requirement between Groups I, II and III claims should be withdrawn.

Conclusion

In view of the foregoing, Applicants respectfully request that a Notice of Allowance be issued.

No fees or extensions of time are believed to be due in connection with this amendment; however, consider this a request for any extension inadvertently omitted, and charge any additional fees to Deposit Account No. 26-0084.

Respectfully submitted,



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